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One of the most significant patents is U.S. Patent 5,003,057 issued March 26, 1991 to McCurry et al incorporated herein by reference, provides for a process for preparing glycosides from a source of saccharide moiety and an alcohol in the presence of a hydrophobic acid catalyst is provided. An example of such a catalyst is dinonylnaphthalenemonosulfonic acid. The use of such catalysts provides a number of process advantages, which includes the reduced production of polar by-products. Preferred glycosides produced by the process are higher alkyl glycosides useful as surfactants.

U.S. Patent 5,648,348 issued July 1997 to Fost et al discloses phospholipid based quats useful as antimicrobial. This patent teaches that phospholipids can be employed as antimicrobials. These products contain phosphorus an element that has been implicated in blooms of algae in rivers and streams, making them very undesirable with today's environmentally concerned consumer.

Respectfully submitted;



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